Claims

I claim:

        1.   A computerized method of teaching spoken language skills comprising:

5   (a) Receiving multiple user utterances into a computer system;

        (b) Receiving criteria for pronunciation errors;

        (c) Analyzing the user utterances to detect pronunciation errors according to basic sound units and Pronunciation error criteria;

        (d) Providing feedback to the user in accordance with the analysis.

10   2.   The method of claim 1, wherein analyzing includes garbage analysis that determines if the user utterance is a grossly different utterance than the desired utterance.

        3.   The method of claim 1, wherein analyzing includes identification of pronunciation error.

15   4.   The method of claim 1, wherein the pronunciation error analysis criteria determines if the computer system operates in communication mode or pronunciation mode.

        5.   The method of claim 1, wherein pronunciation error analysis criteria indicates the errors that are reported to the user.

20   6.   A computerized system for teaching spoken language skills to a user, the system comprising a computer processor that produces application prompts for an audio playback interface, receives multiple user utterances from an audio input device, receives criteria for pronunciation errors, analyzes the user utterances to detect pronunciation errors according to basic sound units and pronunciation error criteria, and
25   provides feedback to the user on a visual display that shows application screens produced by the computer processor in accordance with the analysis.

7.   The computerized system of claim 6, wherein the computer processor further performs a garbage analysis that determines if the user utterance is a grossly different utterance than the desired utterance.

8.   The computerized system of claim 6, wherein the computer processor further performs identification of pronunciation error.

9.   The computerized system of claim 6, wherein the pronunciation error analysis criteria determines if the computer processor operates in communication mode or pronunciation mode.

10.   The computerized system of claim 6, wherein pronunciation error analysis criteria indicates the errors that are reported to the user.